

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] In principle, however, blade connector loop 10 can also be of open configuration, and can possess at least one loop closure element 20 (see Fig. 2) to close the open blade connector loop 10. It is conceivable, for example, for the respective blade connector loop 10 to be slotted in its loop foot region 10a, (see slot 21 in Fig. 2) so that in the context of a multi-blade rotor, loops 10 can be installed in the configuration shown in FIG. 1 by insertion into one another. The open blade connector profile 10 could then be closed again using suitable joining means, e.g. threaded connections 20. A two-part or multi-part loop construction is also conceivable.